



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

Utah Department of Environmental Quality

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. In recent years, a number of local neighborhood service stations throughout the state have closed because of increased competition from high volume retail outlets. These stations, which are often located on high visibility corner lots in or on the edge of low-income residential neighborhoods and commercial areas, are often abandoned and become a blight to the neighborhood. Using state technical resources and records, this project will target abandoned petroleum storage and service station sites located in blighted communities throughout the state. Prioritization of the sites for

Assessment Grant

New
2004

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Utah Department of Environmental Quality for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to inventory and prioritize abandoned sites throughout the state, conduct site assessments on those properties that are best suited for reuse, and produce an evaluation and recommendation report for each property. The effort also will be accompanied by public outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

assessment will be based on local community need, and will include the following criteria: high poverty rate, high unemployment rate, blighted area, and other environmental justice factors. The targeted communities will benefit from this assessment grant by obtaining information on the nature and extent of contamination, thereby paving the way for these sites to be placed back into productive use.